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LIBERTARIANS LIBERATE THEMSELVES

by Betty Beverly

The Holiday Inn-Northglenn was the site of this year's Colorado Libertarian Party State Convention, which was held on the Memorial Day weekend. Approximately fifty people attended business meetings and workshops whose theme was "Liberate Yourself First."

Libertarians attending the convention nominated Dwight Filley and Jerry Van Sickles for Congress, Craig Green for Senate, and Jim Phelps for State House. The members of the '84-'85 Board of Directors chosen by Party members are: Dwight Filley, State Chair; Victoria Mason, Membership Director; Penn Pfiffner, Campaigns Director; Bob Hurt, Finance Director; and Betty Beverly, Communications Director.

David Bergland, Libertarian Party presi-

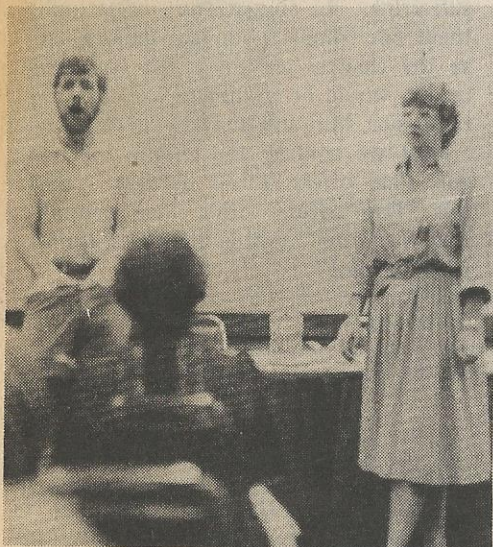
dential candidate, spoke at the banquet Saturday evening, stressing that, though he may not win the election, he intends to "win" increased media coverage of the Libertarian Party and increased activism in the Party. A "roast" of Libertarian Party founder Dave Nolan and a presentation honoring long-time activist Ruth Bennet, who is leaving the state, followed Bergland's speech.

Workshops were aimed at improving people's skills in communication, particularly with non-libertarians, and learning methods of living free in an un-free world. Several workshops also dealt with translating personal liberation into political activism.

The light turnout was disappointing to Convention organizers John Williams

and Judy Huffman, and may have been due in part to the fact that few controversial issues needed to be addressed this year. The Party Platform, By-Laws and Constitution were adopted with few changes.

Ms. Huffman stated that "If at least one person received information to help them become a freer person, then the Convention was a success." She added, "As Libertarians, we need some of the skills that were offered to learn to deal more effectively with non-libertarians. We end up turning them off." She felt the workshops made people more aware of the necessity for Libertarians to communicate with people who would be sympathetic to our philosophy if they were introduced to it in a positive way.



Bill Casey - Claudine Paris Coach Libertarians on how to deal with anger.

A VOLUNTARY NATIONAL DEFENSE?

- ANALYSIS -

by Craig Green

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NEW BOARD ELECTED

by Becky Head

Five dedicated and enthusiastic Libertarians were elected to our State Board of Directors at the Colorado Libertarian Party State Convention last Memorial Day weekend. Heading the list is our new State Chair, Dwight Filley, whose experiences as the Editor of the *Colorado Liberty* for two years and Coordinator

ask a little of a lot of people, rather than asking a lot of only a few, and figures that he needs the support of nearly every Libertarian Party member in Colorado to achieve his goal of creating the ground floor for successful Libertarian campaigns.

The new Finance Director is Bob Hurt, an air technician for the Colorado National Guard. He plans to open the door

Somewhere along the line, most of us have been taught that some things, such as national defense, cannot adequately be provided without coercion of government. We are led to believe that the free market will not work when it comes to an issue that is as crucial to our survival as a "free" nation. This coercion manifests itself in many ways, such as the draft, taxation and emergency powers bestowed upon the president (some of which remind me more of Nazi Germany than any free society). It seems that many people in this country have accepted the idea that we, the people, are just too stupid to understand and make rational decisions about defense. Horsefeathers!

What makes democracy work, anyway? Is it a few elitist leaders who tell the rest of us what to do and how to think? It seems to me that liberals, conservatives, libertarians and most others generally agree that the reason a democracy is the least offensive kind of (traditional) government, is simply because more people are involved in making decisions. This is just as valid a concept for national defense as for any other issue, and I know of virtually no one who would give our military leaders carte blanche to make their own decisions without some measure of control from "the people." Just look at most Latin American countries to see the wisdom of this idea.

So, if a little democracy works fairly well, why not have a lot more democracy? That is, why not have a lot more people making a lot more decisions about defense and other issues? This is precisely what the free market is all about! If national defense is such an important issue (which it is, certainly!), then why leave most of the decisions to a few politicians, bureaucrats, military

hardware contractors and generals? Why not let "the people" decide in the most democratic way possible, the free market? This would involve, for example, letting people not pay for military expenditures if they believed that they were either not necessary, or cost too much, or did not agree with the way they were being used. How effective can democracy be if "the people" make a decision only once every two, four or six years? Why not make decisions every day, every week, every month, as necessary? If we are too stupid to decide how much and what kind of national defense to have, then why are we somehow magically transformed into models of democratic efficiency at election time? Come on, folks, let's stop shortchanging ourselves. If the free market works elsewhere, why not for defense?

I am not suggesting that we become wandering bands of nomadic freedom-fighters and let the Soviets or anyone else invade the U.S. But it's about time that the tried and failed foreign policy of the U.S. government during this century is seriously questioned by the American people. We shouldn't just be looking to see how terrible it is for the Pentagon to pay \$500 for a 10-cent bolt. Of course waste is important, but it disguises the big picture: that US military forces do not defend this country against attack, but rather provide warm young bodies for an aggressive, hostile foreign policy that neither respects human rights nor accomplishes its stated purpose. Until we start questioning the basic concepts of foreign policy, instead of such minor issues as waste in contracting, we are never going to get the arms race under control. Neither are we going to provide an adequate national defense, which the \$200 billion per year in no way resembles.

"Every man who puts money into the hands of a 'government' (so called), puts into its hands a sword which will be used against himself, to extract more money from him, and also to keep him in subjection to its arbitrary will."

— Lysander Spooner, 1870.

State Chair, Dwight Filley, whose experiences as the Editor of the *Colorado Liberty* for two years and Coordinator of the Speaker's Bureau will prove to be useful to him in his new duties. His goals for the state party include getting the party on a sounder financial footing, continuing the drive to make progress in major elections, and stepping up in-between election activities. Some possibilities, which are open to discussion, include having a lobbyist in the State House and pursuing minor elections more than has previously been done.

The new Communications Director is Betty Beverly, who already volunteers her time and talents every day at CLP headquarters. She looks forward to helping with the *Colorado Liberty* and wants to encourage more women to participate in Speaker's Bureau activities. She plans to reach out to the news media in new ways, such as appealing to Spanish press and radio about our stand for open immigration.

The important job of Campaign Director has fallen to Penn Pfiffner, a consulting economist whose experience on the Board of the Adams County Housing Authority for the past 2½ years gives him excellent public contact. He wants to

The new Finance Director is Bob Hurt, an air technician for the Colorado National Guard. He plans to open the door to the general public for supporting our state party financially, rather than relying solely on party members.

The new Membership Director, Victoria Mason, hopes to interest more Libertarian-minded people in becoming members and stresses that this is necessary financially for the state party to maintain its office. Consistent with her own willingness for the past few years to help out in whatever way she could, Victoria urges us all to lend a hand and assures us that it is deeply appreciated.

The Board's first meeting included a discussion of our pressing financial situation, which has improved somewhat but is still hurting. The next meeting will be held in Fort Collins, and to encourage out-of-town participation, so will some other future meetings.

TURN IN A FRIEND!

As the election approaches, the talk turns to politics. If you have a friend who seems interested in Libertarianism, be sure to call the office with his name and address for our mailing list.

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VIEWS and NOTES

FROM THE CHAIR

Why we should build a missile defense system

by Dwight Filley

The "Star Wars" ideas that Reagan has proposed, such as laser guns and particle beams, may be far-fetched; but less exotic ideas, primarily orbiting unmanned non-nuclear rocket launchers, seem to be feasible. Equipped with radars to guide them, these satellite-based rockets would intercept and destroy enemy warheads during the vulnerable early phase of their flight.

Military history is full of examples of defenses evolving to counter seemingly invulnerable offensive weapons. The anti-tank gun stops tanks, as the musket stopped armored knights. The inter-continental ballistic missile seems invincible, but a growing body of opinion thinks otherwise, on both sides of

the iron curtain.

Most of us don't want to kill Russians, or anyone else. We just want to be left in peace. Is not a defensive system worth pursuing? To get us out of the Mutual Assured Destruction madness?

It's true that any such system will not stop all missiles, but then, no defense is perfect.

And it's true that it would be nice to "demilitarize space," but isn't the risk of vast destruction a rather high price to pay to keep space pure?

And it's true that any such system will trigger more defensive measures from the Soviets. But so what? Should we not equip our troops with anti-tank weapons just because there might be a subsequent improvement in enemy armor?

What is not true is the remarkable assertion that a missile defense system is "destabilizing"—that it would encourage the Soviets to attack just before the system becomes operational. Such a defense would not appear overnight, and would present no single tempting moment. As the defense system grows, the risk of war lessens, since fewer warheads would get through, and the likelihood of "victory" decreases.

The freeze movement is right. We have too many warheads now. But we must defend ourselves. Rather than buy more missiles, we should spend some of that money on a defense system which even if less than perfect, will save millions of Americans, perhaps even you and your family, from agony or death if war comes — and greatly reduce the chance of war

coming at all.

The idea that nuclear war is "unthinkable" has lead many to stop thinking about it—to assume that it would be the end of the world and that's that. But the outcome is not some clean, ultimate purifying fire; instead there will be vast suffering. In almost every catastrophe there are more wounded than killed, so the chances are good that you, dear reader, would be stumbling around in the ruins; sick, hurt and hungry.

Must we continue to endure a Pentagon that offers us no defense against this "Day After," other than committing the same horrible atrocities against the other side?

WE ARE ALREADY FREE!

by Rev. Christopher Mohr

As a libertarian I have dreamed of a society where the government does not regulate and control the private decisions of my life. I have voted libertarian (or not voted at all, when there were no libertarians on the ballot), but have been skeptical of the political process. Though the LP has won some great court battles in their fight for freedom, it has depressed me to see the main thrust of libertarian activism leaning toward the legislative process, trying to change the laws by electing officials with a libertarian philosophy. I was afraid I would have to wait a long, long time for the government to grant me freedoms I have by right.

But now there is a man by the name of George Gordon out of Boise, Idaho,

who claims that we can be free now. He is offering to take the burden of responsibility for the actions of our government off our shoulders and place it on his. He is offering to take the burden of responsibility for the actions of our government off our shoulders and place it on his. He is offering to take the burden of responsibility for the actions of our government off our shoulders and place it on his.

By contrast, Equity Law came into being on the high seas and was borrowed from Roman Civil Law, where the passengers of a ship were subject to the rules and regulations of the captain. A freeman is sovereign over himself alone; a passenger on a ship is the subject of the sovereign authority of the captain. Equity

A hundred years ago, most Americans were freemen bound only by Common Law and those statutes which codified Common Law. Today, almost everyone is reduced to the status of subject, bound by the countless regulations of Equity Law. This is because we make contracts with the State and are thereby subject to the terms of these contracts (statutes and regulations). When we get a driver's license we volunteer into a regulated enterprise and replace our right-of-way on the roads with the regulated privilege of driving. When we incorporate our businesses, we grant the State permission to control the dealings of that business. When we get a marriage license from the State, we allow them to control the education, medical care and raising of our children. Literally

apply to him because he has made no contract with the government to be regulated on the roads. He has dropped out of the banking/credit system and has been able to argue with the IRS that their income tax laws do not apply to him.

This fellow has researched Supreme Court case law like no man I have ever seen. Over and over again the High Court has made the distinction between Equity Law and Common Law, and based their decisions on the status (freeman or subject) of the individual before them. The status of Freeman is almost nonexistent in law today, but the Supreme Court still recognizes it, and there is at least one man who has won thirty-three consecutive cases in the Courts using these arguments.

We don't have to wait for the govern-

George Gordon out of Boise, Idaho, who claims that we can be free now. He claims that we have been cunningly deceived by the government to think that laws passed by local and national legislators apply to everyone. In fact, it is possible to establish for one's self the status of a freeman and be bound only by the Common Law.

This is an important distinction, because the Common Law is essentially a libertarian law. This is the great law that has evolved over millenia of human progress, and is extremely simple to understand. Essentially, under common law, if I deprive a person of life, liberty or property, they have a cause of action against me and can go to the people of the community (the grand jury) to peti-

tioner on a ship is the subject of the sovereign authority of the captain. Equity Law found its way onto the land in the nineteenth century, when certain public utilities became incorporated so they could be regulated by the people (the State.) Now, almost every business entity is incorporated as a ruse to help avoid individual liability for business decisions. Since the corporation is a fiction of the state and created by the state, the state has taken upon itself the task of regulating all corporations. Corporate and equity law have become so pervasive that individuals are now treated like corporations as well, and the state has thusly succeeded in spreading its influence over every area of our lives.

marriage license from the State, we allow them to control the education, medical care and raising of our children, literally making them corporate entities. When we use a checking account, we allow our common law right to unlimited contract to be regulated, our wages taxed, and our money to be replaced by worthless Federal Reserve IOU's. When we take out a home mortgage from a state-controlled bank, we allow them to dictate how we use *their* property. The list goes on and on. In short, every time we contract or license ourselves with the State or any of its corporate agents, our legal status is reduced from freeman to subject in that area of our lives.

George Gordon has no driver's license or license plates on his uninsured car. At first the police arrested him over and over again for violating the state statutes, but he argued successfully in the courts his position that he is a freeman with an absolute right-of-way on the roads as guaranteed by the US Supreme Court, and that state statutes do not

these arguments.

We don't have to wait for the government to change the laws! I must merely establish and assert my status as a Freeman (no easy task), and their laws will not apply to me. There is much legal research I am now doing to begin this process. George Gordon runs a Barristers School of Common Law, and I have just finished this ninety hour course on cassette tapes. I would like to find other libertarians interested in pursuing this revolutionary concept. We may even want to start a Common Law School of our own, and teach people in Denver the kinds of things that George is teaching in Boise. A friend of mine and I have already gone to traffic court in Denver using some of these legal arguments, and the results were overwhelming. Please feel free to give me a call at 329-3738 if you'd like to talk more about this concept. What are we waiting for? Let's rid ourselves of governmental interference once and for all, and breathe free once again!

Your Views

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The great movement you are a part of is shaking the de facto government to the core, their lies included. Don't compromise; be precise. Why fall into the trap "they" have set for you?

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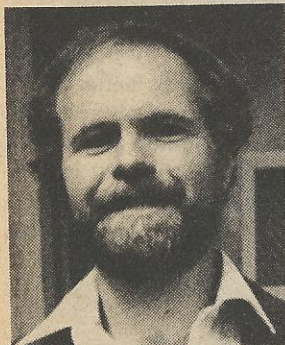
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MEET THE CANDIDATES

by Ron Bain

Four veteran candidates: Dwight Filley, Craig Green, Jim Phelps and Jerry Van Sickle, have kicked off their campaigns as the Colorado Libertarian Party shifts into high gear for the campaign of 1984.



Dwight Filley

Filley, 38, of Denver, is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in the First District, which includes most of Denver. Filley is currently seeking the congressional seat currently held by incumbent Democrat Pat Schroeder, but he said his campaign would not focus on opposing Schroeder.

"I would rather concentrate on running against the Democrats in general and on two issues in particular," Filley said in an interview. "And those two issues are complete withdrawal from NATO and the need for slashing subsidies and welfare to special-interest groups and those who are not in need."

Filley, a self-employed "investor car-

CENTS AND NONSENSE

At about 10:30 am on June 27 at the IRS office in Prudential Plaza in Denver, Britt Smith of Denver paid more than \$2200 in back taxes—in pennies. On hand (thanks to Dwight Filley's calls the night before) were the Denver Post, the Rocky Mountain News, and all four of the commercial television news teams. Within a few days AP,

penter" who buys, refurbishes, and resells old homes, said the next step in his campaign is a planned 800-piece mailing to local entrepreneurs, who seem generally well-disposed towards Libertarianism.



Craig Green

The CLP nominated Craig Green, 38, of Littleton, for the Senatorial seat now held by incumbent Democrat Bill Armstrong.

Green, a self-employed professional engineer specializing in water resources engineering, has been a four-year member of the CLP. He first tested the political waters as a candidate for Congress in 1982. During the current campaign, Green said he wanted to emphasize his desire to revise the Federal Reserve System toward a sound money policy, something neither conservatives nor liberals seem to advocate. Green also said he was eager to debate Senator Armstrong on the Senator's costly military spending policies.

A NEW SUIT

On or about July 10, the American Civil Liberties Union will file another lawsuit challenging Colorado's registration practices. The new suit, being handled by the ACLU's David Miller and John Evans, will challenge state statutes which prohibit those not registered Republican or Democrat from serving as registrars. The suit will also challenge regulations against roving registrars and the arbitrary discretion of county clerks

"I think we ought to cut military spending down severely," he said.

Green has not yet been invited to debate Armstrong, but has received an invitation to a candidates' press conference scheduled for Thursday, July 12.



Jim Phelps

Running for a seat in the Colorado Legislature in District 53 is Jim Phelps, 60, of Evergreen. Phelps is a non-practicing attorney and a licensed real estate broker.

"I think what I plan on emphasizing most is that there are too many laws," Phelps said in an interview. He noted that if individual copies of each of the laws passed in the last year by the Colorado Legislature were stacked one on top of the other, the stack would reach eight to ten inches high.

"Most of these laws take away our freedoms, instead of adding to them," Phelps said.

A former Libertarian candidate for Colorado Secretary of State, Phelps said he did not yet know who his Republican or Democratic opponents would be.

Whoever his opponents are, Phelps said he was ready to be making appearances in Summit and Clear Creek Counties, which are included in District 53, in an effort to get the jump on his opponents.



Jerry Van Sickle

The fourth declared Libertarian candidate in Colorado is Jerry Van Sickle, 53, of Boulder. He will be running for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Second District, opposing incumbent Democrat Tim Wirth.

Van Sickle, a former Navy officer and a self-employed architect and builder of private, moderate-cost homes, has sought public office twice before as a Libertarian. In 1982, Van Sickle ran for a seat on the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation District, and last year, he ran for a seat on the Boulder City Council.

This time, Van Sickle said, he wants to avoid singular issues and instead wants to concentrate on tactics, strategy and presentations of the entire Libertarian philosophy to receptive audiences.

Van Sickle's goal is to "defuse and disengage certain elements in politics and government, and allow man's sense and wisdom about what's fair" to contribute more to the legislative process.

CLP Campaigns Director Penn Pfiffner said recently that although only four Libertarian candidates are running in Colorado now, efforts are underway to put enough candidates and line-holders on the November ballot to fill the Libertarian slate.



Post, the Rocky Mountain News, and all four of the commercial television news teams. Within a few days AP, UPI, and papers from as far away as Illinois had also picked up the story.

An unsung hero in this story is Ron Stevens. Britt Smith, who is not a Libertarian, called the CLP because she knew and respected Ron. The lesson seems to be that merely talking to one's friends about Libertarianism can make a difference.

SMITE CONVENTIONAL POLITICIANS

The trendy thing this year is to refer to the Democrats and Republicans as the two *older* parties, rather than the "major" parties or "big" parties.

Makes them sound stale or stodgy, which is only appropriate.

Republican or Democrat from serving as registrars. The suit will also challenge regulations against roving registrars and the arbitrary discretion of county clerks concerning the number and locations of remote registration sites. The Board of the CLP has voted unanimously to make the CLP a plaintiff in the suit.

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Libertarian Calendar

1st Tuesday of every month the Libertarian Forum meets in the Brand Building, 203 S. Galena St., Aspen. Call 925-8292 for more information.

3rd Tuesday of every month, Boulder County Libertarian Association, 7:30 p.m., at 1913 Broadway in Boulder. Call Jerry Van Sickle for details at (h) 442-0514 or (w) 443-5578.

1st and 3rd Wednesday every month, Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., Party Office.

2nd Wednesday every month, CLP Cocktail Party, 7:30 p.m., Party Office. Relaxed, informal, cash bar.

4th Thursday of every month, Park County Libertarians meet. Call Phil Prosser for details at 838-7693.

JULY

11th Office Party

13th Board Meeting— CSU, Ft. Collins,
7:30 p.m.

18th Discussion group at office.

AUGUST

1st Discussion Group at office, 7:30 pm

8th Office Cocktail Party

11th-12th Bailey Days, Bailey, CO—

CLP will have a booth

15th Board Meeting, Office— 7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

5th Discussion Group at office, 7:30

12th Office Cocktail Party

19th Board Meeting, Office, 7:30 pm

19th Discussion Group, office, 7:30



JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

The CLP is on the move, but we need your help! Whether you can volunteer a little time or want to become totally involved, any participation is welcome. Call the CLP office at 573-5229 or Penn Pfiffner, Campaigns Director at 427-4357, and help make 1984 a banner year for the Libertarian Party.

CANDIDATES... Wouldn't it be great if people were given the opportunity to vote a straight Libertarian ticket this year? If you can't afford the time and money to run a full time campaign, consider becoming a lineholder. With very little work you can make a significant impact. Hours: up to 12.

There are 160 positions up for election this year, including 8 positions for the RTD Board, 22 positions for District Attorney, 2 County Commissioner seats for each of 63 counties, 3 Regents for the University of Colorado, and 2 positions on the Board of Education.

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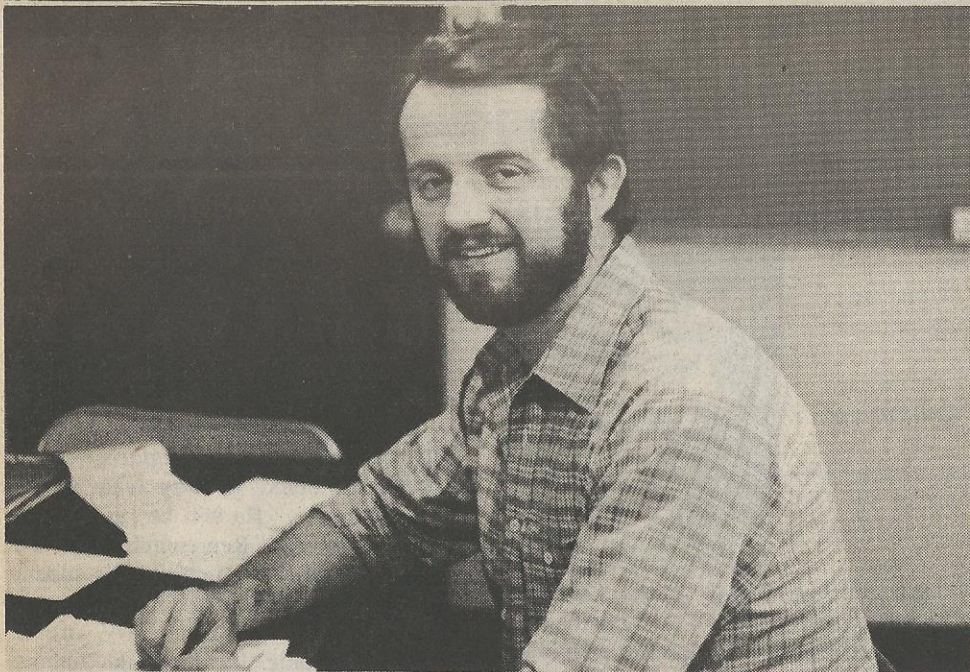
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LIBERTARIAN PROFILE



by Jan Prince

Ed Hoskins reminds me of Clark Kent, mild-mannered reporter. Underneath that unassuming exterior lies the heart of a radical. I met Ed in '82 when he got involved in Libertarian politics. It took quite a while to get to know him; I'm still getting to know him. He is the kind of person you can discuss any type of problem with and still feel confident he will listen and give feedback that is intelligent and well thought out. Distinguished from most activists by his calm, levelheaded, logical way of dealing with issues, his tolerance of differing viewpoints and lifestyles is unique in politics.

If you met Ed in the context of business (he is a self-employed CPA), you'd never guess, except for the sign on the side of his calculator, that he is a libertarian activist. This calm exterior allows him to make his radical ideas seem less threatening to "non-believers." Until I "interviewed" him for this profile, I had not been aware of the experience responsible for molding his temper-

a priori underpinnings of any religious movement. "Resultant similarities include utopianism (libertarian society/millennium), strictly interpreted moral doctrines, factionalism and non-acquaintance with reality," claimed Hoskins.

Oddly, for such associations, Ed still claims to be a relativist— not believing in an absolute truth— while also deeming himself a "libertarian idealist and visionary— though destined to have my radical fires threatened by recurring tides of skepticism."

Political involvement began for him in '74. He participated in Democratic campaigns until his appreciation of the free market and anti-authoritarian attitudes eventually made him uncomfortable with the left. While involved in Democratic politics, he voted a Libertarian ticket in '76 and '80. In May, 1981, he wandered into a CLP cocktail party and hasn't been seen in the mainstream since.

He served as Campaign Chair of the CLP for the '82 elections and is now an active co-sponsor of the initiative to de-

VOUCHER GROUP TO CONTINUE BATTLE

by Phil Prosser

The Educational Excellence Association of Colorado is proposing a Constitutional amendment establishing tuition vouchers for Colorado. This amendment is in three parts. The first establishes a core curriculum for Public Secondary Schools. The second directs the legislature to establish merit pay for public school teachers. The third and most interesting part would establish tuition vouchers that parents or guardians could use to send students to any public or private accredited school that is not pervasively sectarian. This section of the amendment also forbids the State Board of Education to pass any new regulations for non-public education not in force as of January 1, 1984. In Colorado that would mean that private education would be virtually unregulated.

Opponents claim that vouchers would ruin the public school system. They feel that only very poor or uncaring parents would send their children to public schools. This argument says all that needs to be said about their view of the quality of public education!

Proponents claim that the poor would have new alternatives to poor inner city schools citing Montessori and Marva Collins as examples. Proponents also claim that the diversity of private approaches would better adapt to the needs of individual children. Diverse educational approaches should also help to de-fuse political fights over prayer, Darwinism, and teaching methods, as the most effective would prevail in the long run. The opportunities for political fanatics to use public education as a propaganda tool would also be lessened. This is not paranoia. The Ku Klux Klan persuaded the State of Oregon to ban private schools during the 1920's. Fortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned that bill in 1923. The role of pub-

cent of high school graduates illiterate, we need alternatives now. If we are to be stuck with public education in the immediate future, then the competition of alternatives are needed to improve quality.

EEA's proposal contains a strong safeguard against regulation of private education. The State Board of Education should take several years before they can stretch the pervasively-sectarian clause to totally strangle non-public education. By that time we should be able to muster enough support for educational freedom to pass Tuition Tax Credits.

LEWIS VISITS COLORADO

Libertarian Vice-Presidential candidate, Jim Lewis, impressed and inspired both local activists and the media during his recent visit to Colorado. Arriving June 11, Lewis campaigned and conducted newspaper and radio interviews in Boulder, Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland the 12th and 13th and still managed to squeeze in several radio interviews in Denver on the 14th before catching a plane for Birmingham, Alabama to attend the Alabama State Convention.

Lewis says he has been enjoying every minute of this hectic schedule and it shows in the way people respond to him. He said the reporters who interviewed him were very receptive and interested in Libertarian ideas. The interviews continued longer than planned and the resultant coverage was far more than cursory in most cases.

Lewis has campaigned in 31 states

interviewed him for this profile. He had not been aware of the experience responsible for molding his temperament and viewpoints.

Ed says they were nurtured by many influences: childhood hatred of authority, James Dean, the anti-war movement, etc. What makes him so unusual is that he thinks his years in evangelical Christianity also prepared him for libertarian ideals. (Ayn Rand—roll over in your grave!) While in college he became enamored of the anabaptist teachings; an anti-authoritarian, anti-clerical movement started in 16th century Europe that spawned the Mennonites, Amish and Hutterites, as well as influencing the Quakers. His growing dislike for clergy finally caused him to leave the flock.

Ed is fond of comparing the Libertarian Party to much of the cultish, utopian behavior of evangelicals. He contends that libertarian adherence to the Lockean ideals of individual rights is not unlike the

CLP for the '82 elections and is now an active co-sponsor of the initiative to deregulate the transportation industry. I've worked with Ed on many projects—the People's Fair, campaigns, demonstrations, etc.—and he manages to make them all fun.

As a CPA, he enjoys helping people set up their own businesses, minimize their tax burden and take some of the sting out of dealing with the tax man. "Most people see CPA'S as agents of the IRS, and that is certainly what the IRS wants us to be," says Hoskins. "They push us into that role with more laws and restrictions every year." This puts him in a precarious position, caught between his need to stay in practice and his desire to battle the government.

Ed is the divorced father of two teenagers, probably a strong factor in his highly developed sense of negotiation and diplomacy!

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Unfortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned that bill in 1923. The role of public education in the rise of Nazi Germany has been well-documented by both the right and the left. Most important proponents claim that educational compensation will better prepare students to face a changing future.

For Libertarians, more issues are raised. Unlike the more preferred Tuition Tax Credits, vouchers are public funds and not the earnings of parents. The issue of compulsory attendance is not addressed. Also, those who have no children will still pay. Of course, with state funds must come state control. What will be the response when parents begin sending their children to schools founded by Sun Myung Moon or some other controversial figure?

What then should Libertarians do? I, for one, intend to support the amendment. The sudden influx of non-public schools will create a tremendous lobby for educational freedom. Literally thousands of talented teachers are being actively suppressed by the public education establishment. With some twenty per-

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sory in most cases.

Lewis has campaigned in 31 states since last October, tying in the Vice-Presidential campaign with sales calls he makes to universities in conjunction with his bookbinding business. He plans to crisscross the United States until he has visited most states across the country. The last two weeks before the election will be spent in New England and then home to Old Saybrook, Connecticut, where "I will just sit back and watch the election returns."



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